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LABOR FEDERATION.

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE
COVERING THE GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (DGB) VISIT
NOVEMBER 8 TO 11 TO THE COMMUNIST FREE GERMAN TRADE
UNION FEDERATION (FDGB) IN THE GDR.

2. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ON DGB-FDGB EXCHANGE:
QUOTE: FOLLOWING AN INVITATION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF THE LABOR CONFEDERATION IN THE GDR (FDGB), A DELE-
GATION OF THE GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (DGB)
HEADED BY PRESIDENT HEINZ OSKAR VETTER, VISITED THE
GDR, NOVEMBER 8 TO 11.

THE DGB DELEGATION INCLUDED: DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEMBERS ALFONS LAPPAS AND KARL SCHWAB; THE PRESIDENT
OF THE DGB EDUCATION AND SCIENCE (TEACHERS') UNION,
ERICH FRISTER THE SECRETARY IN THE DGB HEADQUARTERS,
WILLI ZIMMERMANN; AND THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE DGB
JOURNAL "WELT DER ARBEIT", KLAUS JELONNECK.

THE DELEGATION OF THE FDGB EXECUTIVE BOARD WAS HEADED
BY PRESIDENT HARRY TISCH. IT INCLUDED: WOLFGANG
BEYREUTHER, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FDGB EXECUTIVE BOARD;
THE MEMBERS OF THE FDGB PRESIDUM AND SECRETARIES IN
THE FDGB HEADQUARTERS HARALD BUEHL AND WERNER
HEILEMANN; CLAU FRIEDRICH, MEMBER OF THE PRESIDUM
AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE FDGB EXECUTIVE BOARD'S
JOURNAL "TRIBUENE"; HEINZ CLAUS, DIRECTOR OF THE
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BUREAU OF THE PRESIDUM; GERHARD SCHULZE, DEPARTMENT
CHIEF IN THE FDGB EXECUTIVE BOARD.

THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE IN A BUSINESSLIKE AND
FRANK ATMOSPHERE. THE QUESTIONS ON WHICH THERE WERE
FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES OF VIEW WERE DISCUSSED IN A
PRINCIPLED AND BUSINESSLIKE MANNER. IT WAS AGREED
THAT THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES

WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS IS AN IMPORTANT PRE-REQUISITE FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. IT ALSO ESTABLISHES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN TRADE UNIONS.

THE DELEGATION OF THE DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD VISITED THE VEB BERLINER WERKZEUGMASCHINENFABRIK (MACHINE TOOL FACTORY) IN MARZAHN AND COLLECTED DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNION SHOP COMMITTEE, HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TALKS WITH TRADE UNION MEMBERS AND FUNCTIONARIES IN THE PLANT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLANT MANAGEMENT. IT VISITED SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE TRAINING WORKSHOP OF THE PLANT.

CHIEF ARCHITECT ROLAND KORN PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR AND THE CONTEMPLATED CONTINUATION OF SOCIAL POLICY IN THE INTEREST OF THE POPULATION
AS IT HAS BEEN PLANNED UNDER THE HOUSING PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN THE NEWLY DEVELOPING 9TH BOROUGH.

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BOTH DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION BY THE CHIEF OF
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE FRG TO THE GDR,
GUENTER GAUSS.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TALKS, FDGB PRESIDENT HARRY
TISCH LECTURED IN DETAIL ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED AFTER
THE 8TH FDGB CONGRESS AND ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
OF THE ESTABLISHED SOCIALIST SOCIETY IN THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. HE EXPLAINED THE POSITIONS OF THE
FDGB ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION ACTIVITY.

DGB PRESIDENT HEINZ OSKAR VETTER INFORMED ON THE TASKS
OF THE TRADE UNIONS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOCIAL
STANDARDS OF THE WORKERS.

DUE TO THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FINAL DOCUMENTS OF THE CSCE, BOTH SIDES ADVOCATE THEIR FULL IMPLEMENTATION. THEY AGREE THAT THE FURTHER COOPERATION BETWEEN TRADE UNIONS FOR PEACE AND DETENTE IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORKING PEOPLE AND THAT LEARNING ABOUT TRADE UNION WORK UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS IS NECESSARY AND USEFUL.

BOTH DELEGATIONS, IN VIEW OF AN INTENSIFIED EUROPEAN COOPERATION, STRESSED THEIR PREPAREDNESS TO ADVOCATE A FURTHER MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS IN GENEVA IN SPRING 1977.

BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE SHOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BE SUPPLEMENTED BY WORLD-WIDE MILITARY DISARMAMENT AND SUPPORTED BY TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES. THEY EXPECT THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENT POTENTIAL TO BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED. BOTH SIDES ADVOCATE THE EARLY CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES.

THE DELEGATIONS HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE STATUS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FDGB AND THE DGB. THEY STATED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE RELATIONS OF THE AFFILIATED UNIONS IN THE DGB AND IN THE FDGB HAVE BEEN IMPROVING. THIS PRACTICE IS IN LINE WITH TRADE UNION COOPERATION AND ESTABLISHES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH ONE ANOTHER, FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION, VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES.

SUCH COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE INTENSIFIED AT THE LEVEL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF THE FDGB AND THE DGB. IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND FURTHER CONCRETE MEASURES FOR THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF THE DGB AND THE FDGB FOR APPROVAL BY 1978.

FDGB PRESIDENT HARRY TISCH ACCEPTED WITH THANKS AN INVITATION BY DGB PRESIDENT HEINZ OSKAR VETTER FOR A RECIPROCAL VISIT IN 1977. UNQUOTE.
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